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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
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Attention Melissa Miller-Henson

Dear Ms. Henson and Nominating Committee,

I would like to nominate myself, Donald J. Yarnell, to the Regional Stakeholder Group.

When I attended your open house in Carlsbad on July 9, I was impressed with the project. I have also sent in nominations for several people who have great qualifications. While writing those letters, I thought I would be a good resource too.

So, just in case you need another candidate with a sportfishing background that has some time to contribute, please consider me.

I'm a retired financial executive that has spent a lot of time functioning and communicating with groups both large and small. I started fishing about 60 years ago with my dad and grandfather out of Newport Beach. My dad was a recreational fisherman and my grandfather fished commercially out of Newport Harbor, mainly for albacore. I started working as a deckhand on the sportfishing boats out of Norm's landing when I was 14 and worked for 8 summers.

I fish in the surf, in San Diego bay, in local kelp beds and in the summer, on one to 3 day deepwater trips. Over the past 6 decades, I have seen the fishing change from plentiful to having to really work to catch fish. It is this concern that prompts me to volunteer my services.

As far as meeting the criteria for the group, I have lived and fished in Southern California for the past 60 years. My experience is primarily from Huntington Beach to San Diego, but I have traveled a lot along the coast between San Diego and San Luis Obispo, so I believe I have a regional perspective.

As a sportfisherman, I have always been concerned about keeping the ocean and beaches pristine, and keeping the valuable fish population and sea life maintained. Even when there were no limits on catches, I only kept enough fish for a couple of meals and released the rest that were in good condition. I believe that I can convey the sportfishing interests clearly, while listening and considering those coming with a different approach. I believe we all have the same interests at heart.

I belong to North County Anglers and United Anglers of Southern California, and so communicating to other anglers not attending the group's meetings will be doable. Should I be asked to participate, I will support and commit to a successful completion of the tasks.

Since I am retired, I will have the time necessary to participate in the project.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my nomination.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Yarnell

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